

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 1
SECTION: 4.1
TITLE: CHAMPVA INHOUSE TREATMENT INITIATIVE (CITI)

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 42 CFR 1814(c)

I. DESCRIPTION

CHAMPVA Inhouse Treatment Initiative (CITI). CITI is a voluntary program that allows treatment of CHAMPVA beneficiaries at Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care facilities that have elected to participate in the CITI program.

II. POLICY

CHAMPVA Inhouse Treatment Initiative (CITI).

1. Services are limited to covered medical conditions.
2. The CHAMPVA beneficiary cost share and deductible are waived.
3. VA medical facilities are reimbursed using the same payment methodologies applicable to private providers by submitting itemized billing statements with the following exceptions:
 - a. Pharmacy - VA cost plus a \$5.00 dispensing fee (the dispensing fee is paid by CHAMPVA) or the average wholesale price (AWP) as reflected in Drugs Topic Red Book, plus a \$3.00 dispensing fee, whichever is less.
 - b. Durable medical equipment (DME) - actual cost plus 10% processing fee.
 - c. Inpatient Professional fees - included in the CHAMPVA allowable for inpatient services (inpatient services paid at 100% of the allowable for CITI claims).
4. CITI bills are processed upon receipt. Reimbursement is made to the participating facilities monthly through the transfer of disbursing authority (TDA) process.
5. Medicaid eligible beneficiaries may participate in the CITI program. Whenever a CHAMPVA beneficiary is also eligible for Medicaid, CHAMPVA becomes the primary payer (see Chapter 3, Section 4.1, *Other Health Insurance (OHI)*).

III. EXCLUSION

|| Medicare eligible beneficiaries cannot be treated in CITI facilities. [42 CFR 1814(c)] ||

END OF POLICY